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re: relaxation of newspaper-broadcast cross ownership rule

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I oppose the proposed deregulation of newspaper-broadcast cross ownership rules. Major media is already bad enough without making it worse.

Newspapers have already substituted entertainment for news and vice versa. This is due to the corporate profit motive. What kind of a citizenry is adequately informed by front-page "news" of Madonna and back-page news of Red China? Our electorate is wonderfully informed about sports and pitifully uninformed about political life -- like which obscure nation we are going to "liberate" next, or from whom will we get the funds to do it.

Newspapers already are a disaster. Why make them worse by making them adjuncts to television?

You are probably an intelligent person. You probably don't watch much television, except in your professional capacity. You probably know mainstream television is for the uninformed and the docile. You probably get your information through internet, books and special-purpose print media. Why impose the vacuousness of television upon newspapers by joining the two?

Our democracy has been injured by lack of communication within the electorate. Much of this is attributable to an increasingly concentrated corporate control of communications mediums.

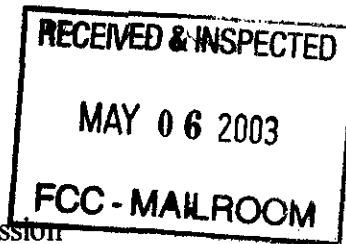
I know corporations will make more money if they own more stations and more cross media. But corporations make this money with an asset that I own -- the airwaves. We citizens own these airwaves and the airwaves ought to be used first and foremost for our benefit. A citizen's hope is not primarily the economic benefit of corporations, but rather "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." A vigorous, multi-voice, citizen press begets liberty. Corporations are not citizens and do not aspire to this "hope."

Increased corporate control of the airwaves has melded news into entertainment while real news has fled to the internet. It has debased the visual medias ("what people want"). It has led to profit over public. You may consider the warning of James Madison regarding the challenge of republican government: "to controul one part of Society from invading the rights of another, and at the same time [be] sufficiently controlled itself." Corporate power in media is out of control. What about you?

Sincerely,

Michael L. Shoen

Michael L. Shoen, Citizen



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ATT: Mr. Michael Copps

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To Commission Members:

We have recently learned about the majority of your Commission members being in favor of allowing one entity, corporation, or individual wealthy entrepreneur such as Rupert Murdoch for example, to have a large share of the control of all major media outlets in a city. This would mean that control of newspapers, television, and radio could be a monopoly for one entity. Such an arrangement is undemocratic. People have a right to hear diverse opinions without one biased source if we are to have democracy. When the media is monopoly-owned, only the facts that are consistent with the owner's philosophy are aired, to the detriment of the public if they are trying to reach solutions to society's problems. A glaring example of this is the absence of news on NBC about the PCB contamination in the Hudson River downstream of General Electric. General Electric owns NBC, and therein lies the connection. Fortunately, having access to alternate sources of information allows us to hear of this.

Therefore, we urge the Commission to reject this policy, and have respect for the member, Mr. Michael Copps of your Commission, who stood against it. We hope that we are not too late to voice our stand on this issue. We should appreciate copies of this letter to be distributed to the other members of the FCC.

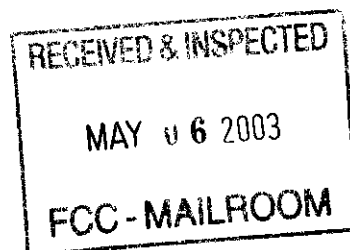
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Beard".

Marilyn and Richard Beard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Beard".

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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to you this day to urgently appeal that some action be taken to keep this country on a free enterprise standard. It is unconscionable to me that Rupert Murdoch is developing a monopoly in gaining control of all of the stations (radio and TV). One group cannot do this and I hope that this will be taken into consideration. What is happening to our right to hear all sides of an issue? Even the billboards are now touting the Clear Channel network. What is this all about?

Civically minded always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen Schorr".

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